

**AQUATIC CENTER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
January 31, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Abeyta, Patrick Steed, Bruce Samuels, Barbara Cummings

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jeff Battles, Rick Cravens, David Helmick, Wes Kelley

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Holli Browder and Becky Glisson

A meeting of the Aquatic Center Commission was held at the Columbus Aquatic Center; Becky Glisson was present and called the January meeting to order.

Roll Call.

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- Becky explained the budget, revenue, minutes and agenda to new commission member Patrick Steed.
- Matt Lensch and Quenton Brantley introduced themselves to the group and had a discussion about upcoming programs. Also explained the duties that they each do at the facility.
- Brian Abeyta asked Matt and Quenton to include him in the programming aspect until we replaced Sally Bradley on that committee. Brian asked Patrick if we would like to serve on that to let him know.
- Matt explained that they are looking at doing dive-in movies, swim lessons and other programs but that High School swim season just started so programming will be limited until it is over.
- Matt also told the commission that they were going to be selling smoothies and healthy snack while the swim teams were in the building and they would start with this swim meet.

- Matt advised that Learn to Swim will start Monday and we will have three schools.
- Quenton said that they would like to do programs such as ultimate kayak frisbee, aqua basketball and other things.
- Brian Abeyta questioned who would be doing the smoothie stand and Matt explained that we will use concessionaires already on payroll. Brian also inquired into how we planned to advertise our programs and Matt explained through, television, radio, social media and partnerships with relationships he and Quenton have in this field.
- Barbara mentioned that her station, the Truth, would do free radio mentions. PNB, Davis and others were also mentioned as possible advertising.
- Bruce Samuels questioned as to whether or not we have purchased any water equipment and Matt explained that we are looking into the bikes, etc.
- Becky explained the RFP process as to instructors and that we hope to complete that soon.
- Patrick Steed inquired as to how many participants are in water aerobics and Matt said that it was around 90%.
- Matt and Holli talked about the Silver Sneakers program and how we have finally been approved.
- Brian mentioned that he will come off the commission in December of 2019 and we will have to elect a new chairperson at that time.
- At this point Barbara made a motion to approve the July meeting minutes. With a second from Bruce and no discussion, minutes were unanimously approved.
- Holli talked about the closure and the fact that we did not get much use at Double Churches. She also gave an update on the mechanical issues that were corrected during the process and Becky spoke of the other issues such as cleaning, etc.
- Becky also spoke about the food policy and we will now enforce that on the pool deck. There will only be bottled water allowed now. Kids can go to the concourse to each and drink.
- Discussion was held about moving the meetings to bi-monthly or quarterly. With a motion from Barbara and a second from Brian, and with no discussion, it was unanimously passed that the meetings would be every other month as follows:

The last Thursday in January, March, May, July, September and the 3rd Thursday in November.

- Becky will get with Clerk of Council to make this change to ordinance.
- In going over the budget provided, Holli explained that two of these months were while we were closed so we expected revenue to be lower than normal. Things should pick up now that we are back open.
- Patrick Steed volunteered to help with programs and Becky provided him with Matt and Quenton's number.
- Becky brought up as to thoughts on making Double Churches into a dome pool for use by either Hurricanes or the school district.

No other committee members had anything to add.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes taken by:
Becky Glisson